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MILITARY AIR FORCE REPORT

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by AFHQ and AFHQ Forces in operation within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th; Squadron 540th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Anklam, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
1/10 to 3/10 - Visibility 20 miles.
- GIVE: (a) Date Oct 43 Time 1235; and Location 54°38' N, 9°40' E  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows 2 chutes out 54°38'N 10°05'E. 6 chutes out 54°38'N, 09°40'E. 1 chute as A/C went into spin. Tail gun still firing. 14000 Stabilizer & L. Rudder show away.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series 17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29712
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-80750  
(b) 42-77862; (c) 43-56120; (d) 42-80769
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<u>EUS</u> Pilot	<u>Calnon, Mark Brooks</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-663846</u>
<u>EUS</u> Co-Pilot	<u>Barnes, Vernon Dale</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-679025</u>
<u>EUS</u> Navigator	<u>Kualer, Ted Harold</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-749390</u>
<u>EUS</u> Bombardier	<u>Hasler, Lowell Clarence</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-676219</u>
<u>EUS</u> Top Turret	<u>Rolleri, John D.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>31104738</u>
<u>KIA</u> Radio Operator	<u>Patterson, Billie Bob</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>38237217</u>
<u>KIA</u> Ball Turret	<u>Lopez, Sam (NMT)</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18016080</u>
<u>EUS</u> Tail Gunner	<u>Lendoiro, Cesara Garcia</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>12158096</u>
<u>EUS</u> Right Flexible Gun	<u>McGottigan, John Aloysius, Jr.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33338048</u>
<u>EUS</u> Left Flexible Gun	<u>Henrickson, Robert Marshall</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>6912415</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
<u>1. Harry, William Russel</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-515826</u>		<u>X</u>				
<u>2. Kelly, James Henry</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-665313</u>		<u>X</u>				
<u>3. Carpenter, Walter Richard</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-533026</u>		<u>X</u>				

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used 9; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Par. (5)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 11 October 1943

J. R. Wyatt  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
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1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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